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PATLAR'S model for August is **JERYL**. Her hobbies include performing music (she has been an organist for a quarter of a century!), floral arranging, skin diving, traveling, and caring for animals. **JERYL** did her first lip-sync performance at the recent Patlar Party hosted at *The Forum*. She did Bette Midler's "When A Man Loves A Woman," earning a standing ovation. Her great ambitions are "to own my own airline company" and "to have a nice family environment someday."

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## RELIGIOUS GROUPS URGE SUPPORT FOR GAY BILL

In a step described by Gay Rights National Lobby as a "major breakthrough," eleven major religious denominations recently joined in a letter to Members of Congress urging support and cosponsorship of the national gay and lesbian civil rights bill, H.R. 230.

Among the groups signing the joint letter, which is the first of its kind on the federal bill, are the Church of the Brethren, United Methodist Church, the Lutheran Council in the USA, the Presbyterian Church, the United Church of Christ, the Episcopal Church, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Unitarian Universalist Association, American Ethical Union, and the National Council of Churches. The joint letter is the first of several steps planned to demonstrate strong religious support for the civil-rights bill.

The letter states: "Our religious traditions teach the importance of providing equal justice for all persons ... As representatives of religious traditions we recognize a special responsibility to provide moral leadership in improving public understanding of this issue.

While some of our traditions oppose the practice of homosexuality, our traditions maintain strong support for the protection of basic civil and human rights of all persons."

The joint letter was coordinated by Ralph Watkins, Legislative Counsel of the Church of the Brethren. Watkins said, "We have been offended that public portrayal of religious perspectives on this issue has focused almost exclusively on negative, anti-gay sentiments."

Nancy Roth, Executive Director of Gay Rights National Lobby said, "The letter, signed by so many mainstream denominations, helps us demonstrate broad based religious support. It clarifies the basic tenet that discrimination is immoral. It should help us convince several legislators who are currently considering cosponsorship to do so."

### AAA To Discount Auto Insurance For Gay Couples

AAA of Southern California now will give gay couples the same 20% discount on auto insurance as it gives to married couples. Known as the "multiple car discount," it was previously available only to married couples who own two or more cars.

The decision to extend the discount to gay couples was reached after negotiation between the insurance company and National Gay Rights Advocates (NGRA), the San Francisco-based public interest law firm.

Jean O'Leary, NGRA Executive Director, said: "This is a first in the insurance industry and the beginning of the battle for full equal rights for lesbian and gay couples. With AAA being the giant of the industry, I'm confident that other insurers will follow their lead."

### Publisher Of "The Advocate" Dies

(NGN Wirecopy) *The Advocate* newspaper publisher, David Goodstein, recently died of cancer at the age of 53.

The publishing magnate died of complications after surgery for intestinal cancer at San Diego's

## FILM ABOUT AIDS CRISIS TO BE RELEASED SOON

The first dramatic feature film about the AIDS crisis is going to be released soon by award winning gay director Arthur J. Bressan, Jr.

Shot independently in New York, Washington, DC, and San Francisco, **BUDDIES** is the story of Robert Willow (Geoff Edholm), a 32-year-old Californian dying of AIDS in a New York City hospital, and David Bennett (David Schachter), a 25-year-old Manhattanite who volunteers to become his "buddy."

The film is scheduled for a world premiere benefit screening at the Castro Theater in San Francisco on September 12, 1985. **BUDDIES** explores close up the impact of AIDS on two men who, except for being gay, are very different.

Bressan says: "On the surface, **BUDDIES** is a simple story of two guys who meet in crisis, strike up a relationship, and change each others' lives. On a deeper level, the film is a complex look at a unique love that transcends pain, fear, and even death."

**BUDDIES** comes on the crest of a wave of plays and TV documentaries that has risen out of the national AIDS tragedy and is the first of many narrative films which hopefully will bring all sides of this problem to an international public.

Bressan again: "I made **BUD-DIES** because a story movie (video) can go quickly and inexpensively to every city and home, with a message that AIDS is not a gay illness, that it hurts everybody, and that more money must be released for effective research and care."

Presented by the Film and Video Workshop, Inc. of New York State, Arthur J. Bressan, Jr.'s **BUDDIES** deals with the AIDS crisis as experienced by two gay men, in human terms. It's a powerful, unflinchingly honest look at a medical tragedy with deep moral, psychological, and political implications.

### NEW CLUB BODY CENTRE OPENS

A new chain of health spas designed for AIDS-conscious gay men is now open for business. New or newly refurbished facilities are now available in ten cities: Miami, Fort Lauderdale, New Orleans, Houston, Dallas, St. Louis, Indianapolis, Toledo, Cleveland (at West 32nd Street), and Akron. Discussions with other clubs for eventual affiliation are also underway.

Each health spa will provide a gym or workout area, a whirlpool or swimming pool, and extensive distribution of materials on AIDS-risk reduction. Facilities conducive to high-risk sexual activities, such as common rooms and poorly lit areas, will not be available.

In addition, donations will be made to fund a Washington AIDS lobbying effort to broaden educational and research efforts.

Memberships in the new association will be \$10 for six months. Individuals with current memberships at CBC facilities, commonly known as the Club Bath Chain, will have their cards honored until June 30, 1986.

Sharpe Memorial Hospital. Goodstein had built *The Advocate* into one of the most respected and widely read gay publications with readers all over the world.

In recent weeks, Goodstein had turned his responsibilities at the news magazine over to close associates, and there are no changes expected at their southern California offices.

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## FAMOUS PEOPLE TO BE HONORED BY HRCF

The Human Rights Campaign Fund will honor television host Phil Donahue, publisher Gloria Steinem, and the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund at its annual New York dinner in the fall.

Phil Donahue, who hosts a nationally syndicated TV show focusing on contemporary issues, will receive the second annual Arthur Bell Award. Donahue was chosen because of the positive way he presents gay issues on his program. The award honors Arthur Bell, a journalist and a founder of the modern gay civil-rights movement, and is given for outstanding contributions to gay culture. Last year's award went to film historian Vito Russo.

Gloria Steinem and the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund will each receive the Robert Livingston Human Rights Award (RLHRA). Steinem, founder and publisher of *Ms. Magazine*, is a leading feminist and longtime supporter of equal rights for gay people.

## HRCF RELEASES RESULTS OF ITS CONTRIBUTORS SURVEY

The results of the first survey of Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF) contributors reveal a strong Northeastern, liberal, male slant among active supporters of the Campaign Fund.

A full 93% of those responding to the survey were male, compared to a 7% response from females. Other figures revealed an overwhelmingly liberal and Democratic character to the Campaign Fund donor base.

"The survey told us loudly and clearly that there are huge segments of the gay and lesbian community we have yet to reach," said Duke Comegys, Co-chair of the HRCF's Board of Directors and a Republican from Los Angeles. "Now our job is to find them and involve them in the Campaign Fund."

Those who responded to the survey did so with enthusiasm. The HRCF's contributors again proved themselves to be concerned, responsive individuals who spent a great deal of time completing the questionnaires and including insightful comments.

Other survey highlights were interesting. Eighty-three percent of the respondents indicated they consider issues besides a candidate's position on gay and civil rights

Lambda is a non-profit legal organization handling a broad spectrum of cases relating to gay issues.

The RLHRA honors of the life of Robert Livingston, a writer, publisher, and theatrical producer, who was also the first openly gay member of the New York City Human Rights Commission. At the same time, he was a member of Senator Daniel P. Moynihan's (D-NY) staff, and a leader in involving gay people in the political arena. Past recipients of the RLHRA include Judy Goldsmith, President of the National Organization for Women, Bella Abzug, President of Women USA, Congressman Henry Waxman (D-CA) and the Gay Men's Health Crisis.

The annual gala is held at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel to benefit the Human Rights Campaign Fund. The Campaign Fund is a political-action committee supporting House and Senate candidates who favor gay civil rights.

The dinner will be Wednesday, October 9. For information, contact Dr. Terry Gotthelf (212) 355-4994 or Mr. George Worthington (212) 243-5883.

before making their voting decisions.

When asked to rank their legislative priorities on gay issues, laws to prohibit employment discrimination based on sexual orientation was the clear winner, followed by increased funding for AIDS research and treatment, abolition of state sodomy laws, and protection from discrimination in housing.

The Campaign Fund's selection of candidates to whom to contribute was generally given high notices. Sixty-three percent said they felt the Campaign Fund was doing a "good job" of selecting congressional candidates to support, with only 1% disagreeing with that statement. Only 26% felt Campaign Fund contributions were too weighted toward Democrats. However, the HRCF's Board has resolved to locate more Republican candidates to support in order to demonstrate that gay civil rights is a bi-partisan issue.

Vivian Shapiro, the Campaign Fund's other Co-chair, was very pleased with the level of response to the survey. "The information collected will be extremely valuable as we continue to plan political, legislative, fundraising and other activities in the months ahead," she said. "It can only help make the Campaign Fund an even more responsive, representative organization reflecting the interests of the entire lesbian and gay community."

## MEN SHOULD EXAMINE THEIR TESTICLES EVERY MONTH

Cancer of the testes is the most common form of cancer in young men, gay or straight, between the ages of 29 and 35. It can be successfully treated if caught early; but if left untreated, it can spread and result in death.

The American Cancer Society recommends Testicular Self-Examination (TSE) for all men, gay or straight, between the ages of 15 and 40. Performed once a month, TSE can alert a man to unusual growths in his testes.

The recommended method of TSE is as follows:

TSE should be performed after a warm bath or shower, when the scrotum is most relaxed and sensitive. First check the appearance of the scrotum and the testes in a mirror. Do they look different from a month ago? Is there a heavy or drag-

ging feeling, as though the testes have grown slightly larger? This could be the start of a tumor.

One at a time, take each testicle gently between your thumb and forefinger. Lightly roll it, feeling for any unusual lumps. You will probably feel the epididymis, a small tubular gland at the top of the testicle. This is normal. What you are feeling for is a hard lump, perhaps the size of a pea. If you feel no lump after a minute, check the other testicle.

Testicular cancer is fairly rare, accounting for only one percent of all cancer cases. It is most common in men with undescended or undeveloped testes, and is more common among whites than blacks. It is easily detected and can be successfully treated if detected in time. Treatment may result in removal of the stricken testicle. Removal of one testicle will not affect sexual stimulation or response, and will not affect performance or ability to father children. Failure to treat, however, will eventually cause death.

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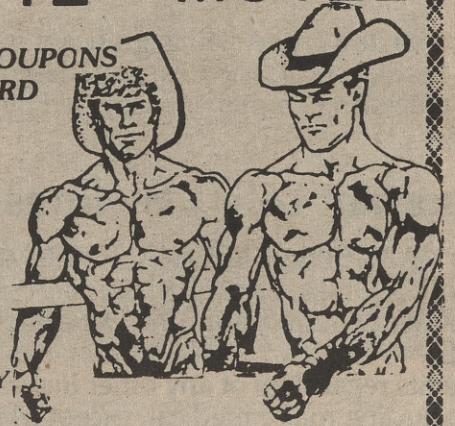
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## GAY DEMOCRATS DEMAND ACCOUNTABILITY

The Democratic National Committee (DNC) Chairman, Paul Kirk, recently made 100 appointments to the newly established Policy Commission, and 10 appointments to the Fairness Commission which will write the rules for electing delegates to the 1988 national convention. He also proposed a slate of 25 candidates for at-large seats on the Democratic National Committee itself.

Gay activists were concerned that despite months of lobbying, not one openly lesbian or gay Democrat was selected for any of the 135 openings.

As a result, leaders of the National Association of Gay and Lesbian Democratic Clubs and members of the DNC's Lesbian and Gay Caucus conducted the only independent campaign for one of the 25 at-large seats. The name of Christine Riddiough—the President of the Gertrude Stein Gay Democratic Club of Washington, D.C. and the Director of Lesbian Rights for the National Organization of Women—was placed in nomination by 14 members of DNC, including the Democratic State Chairs of Minnesota, Oregon, and the District of Columbia.

This at-large election, which was held on June 25, presented a risk for Riddiough's supporters. Each ballot had to be signed in order to be valid, and, consequently, the national Chairman would determine which DNC members did not support his slate. Despite this political cost, 22% of those voting did cast their ballots for the lesbian and gay community's candidate.

Initial analysis of the vote indicates that DNC members who were heavily lobbied at both the local and national level accounted for the majority of those votes. In particular, nine members of the National Association's Executive Committee followed up local lobbying efforts by also attending the meeting.

In California, Colorado, the District of Columbia, Minnesota, Puerto Rico, Tennessee, and Wyoming, at least half of the votes cast were in support of Riddiough. All of the votes cast in Delaware, Maine, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Vermont, Washington, and Wisconsin supported the openly lesbian candidate. Local lobbying efforts in New York, Florida, and elsewhere were also reflected in the final count.

The only openly gay nomination which Chairman Kirk made was to the DNC's internal committee on Credentials. Rick Stafford of Minnesota, who also serves as the Secretary of the DNC.

Secretary of the DNC's Midwestern Caucus, was appointed to this nine-member body. In other internal developments, Stephen Smith, an openly gay DNC member from California, was elected to serve as Secretary of the Western Caucus.

The National Association plans to revise its political work both at the state and local levels. As Jack Trujillo, Co-Chair of the National Association, stated: "Our political strength is ultimately based on our ability to support our friends and defeat our enemies at the grass roots. The fact that nearly one quarter of the DNC broke with the Party Chairman over this issue demonstrates the type of support that is possible if lesbian and gay Democrats are willing to work."

The National Association will also emphasize two important political projects:

(1) The Lesbian and Gay Candidate Project, which was initiated by the National Association last December, will seek to identify and train lesbian and gay candidates for both party and public office.

(2) The Voter Research Foundation, an independent non-partisan foundation which was initiated by the National Association in May, will develop procedures for identifying the size and scope of the lesbian and gay vote.

## CATS MAY BE DANGEROUS TO AIDS VICTIMS

Some people with AIDS are confronted with the danger of contracting toxoplasmosis (a parasitic protozoan infection) from their cats.

However, reports on the danger of toxoplasmosis to those with immune system dysfunction seldom explain the role that cats play in its transmission. Cats are not the only animals that can be infected with toxoplasmosis; the disease occurs in nearly all species of warm-blooded animals, including humans.

The feline species is the host of the intestinal stage of the disease and produces disease-bearing eggs that are shed in the feces.

In adult animals, toxoplasmosis is a mild disease. In humans, it is often diagnosed as mononucleosis. People with immune system dysfunction can suffer from very serious problems such as memory loss and muscle weakness when infected with toxoplasmosis.

Cats can be tested by a vet to determine whether they are infected or have been infected in the past and now are immune.

## POET'S CORNER

Cruising The Arcade  
by Sean Bailey  
(Coralville, Iowa)

We walk the narrow aisles,  
playing games  
Of look and counter-look,  
of twitch and tease,  
Sizing up and sizing down,  
measuring against  
The unfound dream...  
You have the gentle eyes;  
and you, slender hips.  
His slacks mold the muscular,  
firm thighs;  
From his, the promise  
almost overflows  
Of lusty nights...  
Til finally we tire of  
playing games,  
Yet take one final circuit  
to be sure.

Our urgings pull us with  
the strong command;  
Forget the dream.  
So inwardly we shrug and  
set aside  
The seeking always with us  
unfulfilled,  
And turn to satisfy the  
moment's need,  
Present and real.  
Then our eyes flicker  
meeting other eyes;  
Between us pass the current  
of desire.  
Knowing we are not the  
other's dream,  
Together go.



## THE KITCHEN FAIRY

### FRUITS ON THE LOOSE!

The fruits of summer are ripe for the picking: juicy, succulent, the flush of sun still fresh on their smooth tantalizing skins. Ah, fruit, fruit, glorious fruit—seducer of the senses! I fondle you at every fruit stand and market, feeling your heavy ripeness, inhaling your pungent-sweet scent. I carry you home in my arms and gently wash your beauty in the surging waters of my desire. I pleasure in your tender flesh, savor your honey-sweet juices. Intoxicating, voluptuous, Adamic....

Manly mango whose golden flesh I roll on my tongue. Plump plum and pleasing peach whose juices burst at my bite. Furry kiwi, magnificent melon, orgiastic orange, I surrender myself to the wonder of nature, luxuriating in your lushness. How gay the day my basket brims with fruit. How heady (oooh!).

And, so, to celebrate the copious harvest that fructifies my very existence, that brings my oral fantasies to fruition (this is heavy stuff, doll!), I offer this collection of recipes as a tribute to the versatility of fruits which to my way of thinking are best enjoyed unadorned, but which go into so many things so very well (oooh!). Here's to the pick of your crop, dear, and may you wield it well!

#### Bruce Juice

(Green Grape Daiquiries)

#### Cock 'N Fruit

(Curried Chicken Salad)

#### Blue Barry's Muffins

(Blueberry Muffins)

#### Flame Your Banana!

(Bananas Au Rhum)

#### Bruce Juice

(Serves Six)

Bruce, whose juice can be sipped for hours, is certainly a fruit of the highest order. (Peel me a grape, dear!)

#### Preparation Time:

Thirty minutes

#### Ingredients:

2 cups green grapes, washed (who knows where they've been!)  
Juice of 2 limes  
2 cups small ice cubes  
1 cup white rum

#### Preparation:

1. Liquify the grapes in a blender and force them (you butch thing!) through a sieve to yield about 2-2½ cups juice.

2. Toute suite (as fast as you can squeeze your limes, honey), add the lime juice to keep your grape juice from browning out.

3. Put the juices, ice, and rum into a blender, and whip it up! You may have to do this in batches, if your blender is small (and let's hope that's all that is!).

4. Serve in chilled glasses.

#### Cock 'N Fruit

(Serves Six)

Fruit and nuts make this bird sing! Yours will, too!

#### Ingredients:

3 cups cubed, cooked chicken (I throw my bird in the microwave!)  
1 cup diced celery

1 tart apple, diced (an apple that tarts around?)  
1 (11-ounce) can mandarin oranges  
½ cup finely-chopped macadamia nuts  
1 cup mayonnaise  
2 teaspoons curry powder  
1 teaspoon salt  
¼ cup crumbled blue cheese

#### Preparation:

1. Toss the chicken, celery, apple, mandarin oranges, and nuts into a bowl.  
2. Blend the mayo, curry powder, and salt. Mix them together very well, doll.  
3. Toss the dressing with the fruit and bird.  
4. Sprinkle with blue cheese.  
5. Chill. Eat.

#### Blue Barry's Muffins

(Yield: 12 muffins)

When Barry's blue, I grab his hot, buttered muffins! I must say, hon, it lifts more than his spirits! And it doesn't do mine any harm either!

#### Preparation Time:

20 minutes

#### Cooking Time:

20 minutes

#### Ingredients:

1 egg  
½ cup milk  
¼ cup vegetable oil  
1½ cups white flour  
½ cup water  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
½ teaspoon salt  
1 cup fresh, washed, and dried blueberries

#### Preparation:

1. Grease the bottoms (oooh!) of 12 medium-sized muffin cups. Or put those perkylike muffin papers in them.  
2. Preheat your oven to 400 degrees.  
3. Beat up the egg. (How butch!)  
4. Stir in the milk and oil.  
5. Stir in everything except the blueberries. Mix till the flour is just moistened. (This is lumpy batter.)  
6. Gently fold in the blueberries.  
7. Fill the muffin cups 2/3 full.  
8. Bake 20 minutes or till as golden as the boys of Laguna Beach.

9. Remove from the pan immediately.  
10. Eat hot and buttery!

#### Flame Your Banana!

Serves Six

What could be more festive than flaming fruit? Or more redundant? Your fairy best friends will positively scream with delight at this dish, dear.

#### Preparation Time:

15 minutes

#### Cooking Time:

15 minutes

#### Ingredients:

6 firm, ripe bananas (so much fun to find!)  
6 Tablespoons butter  
6 Tablespoons brown (oooh!) sugar  
Lemon juice  
¾ cup rum

#### Preparation:

1. Preheat your oven to 450 degrees.  
2. Peel your bananas and cut them (my, my) into halves lengthwise.  
3. Melt the butter in an oven-proof serving dish and add your banana halves.

4. Sprinkle your bananas with the sugar and bake for about 10 minutes, or until your bananas are thoroughly hot and the sugar is melted. (My sugar always melts when my banana is thoroughly hot!)  
5. Sprinkle your bananas with a little lemon juice and baste them. Return them to the oven for a couple of minutes.

6. Warm your rum and pour it over your hot bananas. Ignite the rum and watch your bananas flame!!!

7. When the flame dies, serve immediately.

NOTE: Toasted coconut is quite yummy on these!

Well, dears, I fairy much hope you enjoy the fruits of my labors. I purposely omitted the fruit salad knowing we're all quite adept at tossing the right fruits together. Don't miss next month's column: "What I ate on my summer vacation!" Till next we eat, Yummy Down! And...

Kiss. Kiss.  
THE KITCHEN FAIRY

## MODERN MUSIC

by Michael J. Maier  
"LITTLE CREATURES"

#### Talking Heads

#### Sire Records

When a person mentions that he or she is a Talking Heads fan, then that person is assumed to be cool. Why not? The Talking Heads are indeed cool, a modernly sophisticated group, as well as having played a large part in pop music for the past decade. They are one of the most successful of today's modern rockers with well over nine hits to their credit. So in light of all this evident success, it is very disappointing to be reviewing a less-than-favorable work from this normally success-consistent group.

The band, consisting of David Byrne, Chris Frantz, Tina Weymouth, and Jerry Harrison's present album "Little Creatures" is indeed a boring production when stacked against such classic works as: "Burning Down The House," "Girlfriend Is Better," "Life During Wartime," "Once In A Lifetime," "Psycho Killer," "Pull Up The Roots," "Swamp," "Slippery People," "Take Me To The River" and "What A Day That Was." All songs which placed this group on the progressive cutting edge. Their current LP is a mash of one-dimensional tracks which hardly compare to the quality and success elements of the past. They are hardly catchy, but somewhat cute at times, and exert little to no energy. It seems more like a child's record than what would be expected from this choicest of modern rock groups.

Overall, the LP is not without some better moments. "And She Was," "The Lady Don't Mind," "Stay Up Late," "Walk It Down," and "Television Man" are found on this album. Credit is due for the interesting fusion which the group melds into their music; blending funk with rock and folk/country in other areas, helping to keep this LP from going totally to waste.

A source of understanding may be at hand. We do have to consider that all parties involved have been rather busy; taking into account that the band released a movie, "Stop Making Sense," and a soundtrack last year, and that David Byrne has also just completed a solo venture "Music For The Knee Plays." All this activity seems to have taken away from the group's creative core. If this indeed is the case, then one would think that a period of rest would have been in order, allowing for the creative minds to regroup with a more explosive project instead of what has been offered on "Little Creatures."

I do recommend this to serious Talking Heads fans who may find some sheer joy buried within a cut or two, and hopefully will not be as disappointed as this Talking Heads fan was. This clearly would have been a stronger production if the album's tracks reflected more of the group's strengths instead of their lame weaknesses.

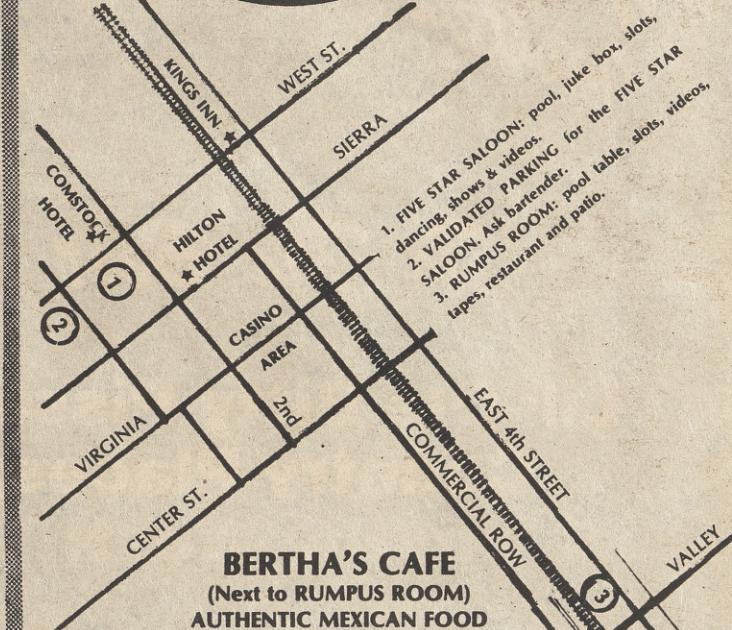
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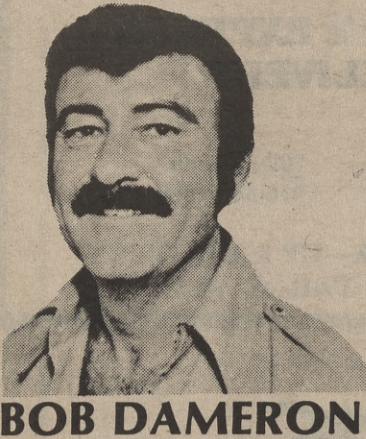
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### Milwaukee

Milwaukee with a population of 650,000 is the largest city in Wisconsin. The Indians called it Mahanawauke-Seepe, which means "gathering place by the waters." It was settled in 1833 by the French and English, followed soon afterward by immigrants from all parts of Europe including large numbers of Germans, Poles, Dutch, Czechs, Serbs, and Irish. It still retains an old-world flavor which is evident in its architecture, sights, cultural institutions, and numerous ethnic fairs and festivals.

On Labor Day weekend, Milwaukee will host the gay "World Series" of softball leagues. This is a big event and lots of fun—don't miss it if possible. For more info, contact Ken at the Ball Game.

The city is located on Lake Michigan and has an attractive waterfront, home of the Summerfest Grounds which features ethnic and music festivals throughout the summer. Many tourists enjoy the Mitchell Park Conservatory, Zoological Park, Art Museum, Performing Arts Center, Milwaukee Public Museum, the Old Pabst Mansion, and Annunciation Greek Orthodox

Church which was the last building to be designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

Most Milwaukee bars are on the east side, that is east or south of the Milwaukee River which snakes through the heart of downtown. The favorite discos for men are the La Cage Aux Folles at 801 S. 2nd Street or the Club 219 at 219 S. 2nd Street. Close by are the Ball Game at 196 S. 2nd Street, which has shows on Tuesday nights plus a monthly variety review, and the C'Est La Vie at 231 S. 2nd Street, which gets something for everyone. Women prefer Fannie's at 200 E. Washington and Hot Legs at 814 S. 2nd Street. The M & M at Water and Erie has a hot new patio and is packed during the cocktail hour, while the Wreck Room, one block east at Erie and Menomonee is the top leather bar. A promising looking new bike bar is the Boot Camp Saloon at 209 E. National. This Is It at 418 E. Wells Street is a long-time favorite. Milwaukee bars close at 2:00 AM daily and are open until 3:00 AM on Saturdays.

The only baths is the popular C.B.C.'s Club Milwaukee at 704-A W. Wisconsin Avenue. Use the rear entrance off the parking lot behind Dunkin Donuts at 7th and Wisconsin. For books and things, try Popular News at 225 N. Water Street, which has a cruisy arcade, or Nee-hah's at 306 Commercial. The Wisconsin STEP Magazine is available free at many locations and can keep you posted on local news and current events. The Cream City Business Association, a group of gay businesses, has accomplished a lot to resolve the police problems that plagued Milwaukee a few years ago.

There are no gay hotels in town, but the Pfister, Park East, Ramada Inn, and Howard Johnston's are all conveniently located in the downtown area. The M & M is the best gay restaurant.

For elegant straight dining, try the English Room at the Pfister Hotel, Grenadiers, Jean-Paul's, or Le Bistro. Milwaukee is noted for its good German restaurants such as Karl Ratzsch's, Mader's, and John Ernst. For other ethnic foods, try Kosta's (Greek), Gaetano's (Italian), and Old Town (Serbian). The house specialty at the latter are bureks, crusty, wafer-thin meat, or cheese dishes that are both delicious and filling. Well worth the half-hour drive north of town are the Fox and Hounds in Richfield and Boder's On the Lake in Mequon.

Harbor cruises, sailing, sport fishing, and other recreational activities are available. Milwaukee is home to the Brewers baseball teams. Marquette University is located here, while the huge University of Wisconsin is ninety miles west in Madison. Milwaukee is noted for its famous breweries, Pabst, Schlitz, and Millers. Guided tours can be arranged, and you can sample some of their good brew.

Urban redevelopment has kept the Milwaukee city center lively, liveable, and attractive. The city is immaculately clean and no one jay walks. There are few cities in America where so many different ethnic groups live side by side in such close harmony. The mix that makes Milwaukee famous also makes for a friendly and reasonably priced place to visit. All in all, it's a great place on a Great Lake.

(For more detailed information, pick up a copy of the BOB DAMERON ADDRESS BOOK '86—America's foremost travel guide—available at most better bars, baths, and bookstores throughout America. Or send \$14 for your copy (which includes packing and shipping) to BOB DAMERON ENTERPRISES, INC., PO Box 14-077, San Francisco, CA 94114. Also available is the SPARTACUS, International Gay Guide at \$22.)

## HOROSCOPES FOR THE HORNY!

by Dr. Pat Larr

**LEO** (Jul 23-Aug 22): Mars moved into your sign the first of the month, and you know what *that* means, don't you? Lots of hard work! But then, you're always hard, aren't you?

**VIRGO** (Aug 23-Sep 22): You resolve a sore point with that special someone. Don't be rash or those feelings may fester.

**LIBRA** (Sep 23-Oct 22): A temper tantrum on the job puts you in hot water with the boss. Use that brown nose of yours to set it right.

**SCORPIO** (Oct 23-Nov 22): The waning moon enters your sign mid-month. Expect to get a little behind in your work, but isn't that your favorite size?

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21): That troublesome special someone gets to take a surprise trip this month when you finally tell them to take a walk.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22-Jan 19): An old flame you'd written off as a bad investment jumps to the top of your list again. The dividends are yours for the taking.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan 20-Feb 18): A mysterious stranger gets you up and coming. Handle this one with care.

**PISCES** (Feb 19-Mar 20): A quick meeting with an old flame comes to a firm conclusion, and of course, you get something straight between you.

**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr 19): Someone in high places develops a thing for you (and when this thing develops, stand back). It could lead to financial gains undreamed of.

**TAURUS** (Apr 20-May 20): That special someone rubs you the right way for a change. You need the ego massage and you always did love different strokes.

**GEMINI** (May 21-Jun 20): You've always loved Uranus, planet of financial gain. As it enters your sign this month, expect a big windfall from an unexpected corner.

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The APLA (The Aids Project Los Angeles) TEA is a monthly affair which is held the first Wednesday of each month from 5-8 PM at The Studio One Backlot, 657 No. Robertson Blvd. in West Hollywood. A \$5 donation is requested, and all proceeds go to support the services and activities of The AIDS Project Los Angeles. Doors open at 5 PM with a complimentary buffet served from 5-8 PM. Each month's guest speaker begins at 6 PM.

The APLA TEA is a forum of people and ideas where participants can learn about the latest medical and research findings on AIDS.

For more information, contact APLA, 7362 Santa Monica Blvd., West Hollywood, CA 90046 or telephone (213) 876-8951.

## FELTON

CAMPING WOMEN is an organization that sponsors local and long-distance adventures for women. This summer's events include: backpacking, tubing, a canoe trip, and rafting. Their newsletter and membership information is available by writing 11310 Lakeview Avenue, Felton, CA 95018.

## HOUSTON

Texas Tech University will finally recognize a gay students' group as an official student organization.

Lambda Legal Defense and the Texas Human Rights Foundation filed a federal court suit to force the school to grant the recognition. The change is credited to the United States Supreme Court ruling that state-run schools must recognize gay groups.

Lambda attorneys will continue to seek punitive damages against individuals in the University's administration and governing body who refused to implement the ruling although they were advised of it.

## CHICAGO

The National Association of Lesbian and Gay Alcoholism Professionals (NALGAP) will hold its first national conference September 26-29 at the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza in Chicago.

NALGAP is a non-profit tax-exempt organization which has the following major goals:

Forming a network of communication and support for gay and lesbian alcoholism professionals.

Improving treatment for lesbian and gay alcoholic clients.

Assisting alcoholism agencies and all helping professionals to better serve their gay and lesbian clients.

The organization is made up of counselors, nurses, social workers, psychologists, AA members, Al-Anon members, doctors, drug and alcohol agencies, organizations, and institutions as well as gay and lesbian agencies and organizations all over the United States.

Membership in or affiliation with NALGAP or its programs is not indicative of a person's sexual preference. The group seeks the support of non-Gay colleagues.

For more information about travel arrangements, contact Trove Of Treasures, Inc., PO BOX 381, 353 W. Lincolnway, Valparaiso, IN 46383 or telephone (219) 464-2373.

## ANN ARBOR

Voters in Ann Arbor recently elected a new mayor and candidates for five of the ten city council seats. Gay activists believe the new city council will be the first in many years to support gay/lesbian rights and concerns.

The Lesbian/Gay Caucus asked the council for a Domestic Partners Policy for city employees similar to the ones in Berkeley and West Hollywood in California, and appointments of gays and lesbians to city boards and commissions.

## LAS VEGAS

The Pacifica Hotel near the Las Vegas, Nevada "strip" will be marketed as a resort for gay people, resort operators announced recently.

The 320-room Pacifica, formerly called the Treasury, will be billed as the largest gay resort in the world. The resort hopes to receive Clark County and state approval to operate the hotel-casino. The casino has been closed for the last two months.

## BELLE GLADE

The farming community of Belle Glade, Florida is the nation's most fertile breeding ground for AIDS. Since 1982 there have been 37 diagnosed incidents among Belle Glade's 20,000 residents, a rate of 1500 cases per million people. (New York City, by contrast, has a rate of only 359 per million.)

Researchers are baffled because half of the 37 cases do not fall into the risk groups associated with the disease.

Public-health officials are studying the possibility that there is a link between AIDS and malnutrition, overcrowding and poor sanitation.

The majority of the victims came from a ghetto where 10,000 people live in rundown boardinghouses with up to 70 residents sharing a single bathroom. There are no cooking facilities or running water in most quarters.

## PLEASANT HILL

TELEWOMAN is a newsletter that promotes new books, musical events, and art of interest to lesbians. It has a monthly calendar of events for lesbians across the country. TELEWOMAN also provides a hotline for crisis situations at (415) 465-0869. For more information, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to TELEWOMAN, PO Box 2306, Pleasant Hill, CA 94523.

## REHOBOTH BEACH

The mayor of this seaside resort in Delaware, John Hughes, thinks gays are ruining the town's family image. His sentiments, published recently in a Delaware newspaper, touched off a furor. His attitude infuriates gay visitors and businesspeople who have poured money into the town's economy.

Mayor Hughes is willing to acknowledge that gays own some of the finest shops in the town and have invested a lot of money in real estate. But he's still concerned about their presence, saying: "They (gays) may not be a problem, but the straight community's perception of them might be a problem. I've had a number of people contact me and show concern that there are an increasing number of gays in the community."

Hughes went on to say that Rehoboth, which has been a summer playground for Washington politicians for decades, is known for its family image and that image is not bolstered by gay bars and restaurants.

As one gay man remarked, "He (the mayor) wants us to be here and he wants us to spend our money, but he doesn't want us to be seen."

## NEW LONDON

Bridgette Poi, 50, lost her chance to become the first transsexual leader of an American Legion Post last month. However, Poi, a veteran of the Korean War, said she would run again next year. The winner, Joseph Ottaviano, said Poi's 1972 sex change was an issue.

## POMONA/SAN GABRIEL VALLEY

A 24-hour Information Line has been established by the Pomona/San Gabriel Valley Gay/Lesbian Coalition. The new service lists activities, events, and other area hotlines. The phone number for this 24-hour service is (714) 623-1492.

## FRESNO

by R.E.S.

Fresno gets hot (as in 100 degrees plus) and quiet during high summer. People generally stay inside in air-conditioned comfort or head out of town. But fortunately, a major event is coming to our back door over Labor Day Weekend.

The 6th annual West Coast Women's Music & Comedy Festival will be held in the Yosemite foothills Aug. 30-Sept. 2 and will feature many well-known musicians, comedians, speakers, and workshops. For information, call (818) 904-9495.

Also in August, the 2nd Monday presentation at the Gay Community Center (606 E. Belmont) will be a tape presentation based on the book *The Male Couple*, with a discussion following. The tape will be shown at 8 PM on August 12.

Our longest established men's bar, The Red Lantern, celebrates its 9th birthday this month. For date and details about the party, call The Red Lantern at (209) 251-5898.

One last note: Richard Stone, long-time contributor to Fresno's gay monthly, *The Front Runner*, has compiled a book of articles selected from five years of columns. The book titled *In The Wind* (with a beautiful cover by Craig Miller) can be purchased at \$3 at the Community Center, or at Gordick's Books in Fig Garden Village. It also can be ordered by mail, with an additional \$1 fee for postage, c/o Richard Stone at Box 9773, Fresno, CA 93794.

## LOUISVILLE

In Louisville, the Gay and Lesbian Library at the Community Center is open from 6-8:30 PM Mon., Wed., and Fri. Also 10 AM to 2 PM on Sundays. More books are needed. Contact Lambda Louisville, Inc., PO Box 8415, Louisville, KY 40208.

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### LONG BEACH

by Jack Warren

Greetings from and to Orange County. This is the first of what I hope will be many monthly columns informing you of events in the Orange County/Long Beach areas.

A brief introduction: I recently moved to OC from Sacramento. I work in Newport Beach and live in Long Beach. My mission with *The Patlar* will be to act as contact for news and information of interest to the OC/LB gay communities. If you have news or information or something entertaining for me to write about, call me at (213) 438-5358. I want to know everything. If you have a new bartender, special entertainment, a benefit, political or club news, or just about anything you want publicized, call me well in advance. If you would like to advertise in *The Patlar*, I will contact the advertising department for you.

In September OC/LB Great Outdoors is having a car camp at Lake Cachuma. Call GO (714) 633-7483 for details. Other GO events IN AUGUST include woman's barbecue (I've never seen a woman barbequed), a swim party, ice skating, and several camps and hikes. Membership is not necessary.

Laguna Outreach has a bus trip planned to the Gershwin Gala at Hollywood Bowl August 2. Call Alex or Dick at (714) 494-6271 for info & reservations. Prices available for members and non-members.

Super-men 86 at the Hollywood Palladium (\$10,000 in prizes including a new car) will be having a preliminary contest Tuesday August 20 at Ripples in LB.

OC and Garden Grove was the subject of Niles Merton's editorial in issue 424 of *The Advocate*. Mac's Landing is the bar that closed after police harassment and picture taking-taking frightened away customers. If you are interested in helping, write to Calcom Enterprises,

2331 S. Bristol, Santa Ana, CA 92704.

I travel often and I am convinced that Southern California men are the best! They are the best dressed, the best undressed, and the friendliest. How will I ever "fit in?"

July 4 I went to Great Outdoors' picnic at Bixby Park. I stumbled playing volleyball and broke two toes. I also went on the ASF Tours "July 4 Coastal Cruise." We never left the harbor, but I hadn't seen Newport Harbor anyway. Now I've seen it 25 times. Everyone had a wonderful time dancing and partying except me. I was in such pain from the broken toes I considered swimming to shore, but my foot was too swollen. We did get a good view of the area fireworks from the harbor. One man had a theory about broken toes (doesn't everyone?): depending upon which toe is broken, one can expect wealth, beauty, or romance. He asked if I was rich or in love. I wonder if he only has 3 toes.

### ALBUQUERQUE

A meeting was held recently between representatives from the gay community and the Albuquerque Police Department (APD) after employees and patrons of a local bar complained about a pattern of police harassment.

Officials of the APD said that it is against the department's policy for officers to harass people because of their sexual orientation or to discriminate against the patrons of gay bars.

Police officials said they train officers to enforce the law in a professional and non-discriminatory manner, but some officers have biases.

Jane Powdrell, the police department's Education Coordinator and Assistant to the APD Chief of Police, requested reports of police misconduct be made as soon as possible. The sooner complaints are received, the more effectively they can be investigated.

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"Friday Night Out" at the Community Center is the newest offering of Albuquerque's Gay and Lesbian Community Center. Each Friday evening from 7-10 PM, the Community Center and Common Bond host a "get-acquainted" event. The events provide an opportunity to meet new people and to socialize in a non-bar environment.

The "Friday Out Night" events include the viewing of video taped lesbian and gay-oriented programs, game nights, pot-luck dessert evenings, and discussion groups.

For more information, contact the Community Center, 1101 Canadas NE, Suite 203 or telephone (505) 266-8041.

### SAN FRANCISCO

An interfaith gay religious organization in San Francisco, All Family Coalition II, has accused a group of former homosexuals of attempting to cause hostility by holding a conference in San Francisco during Gay Pride Week.

Exodus, an international Christian organization of former gays, conducted a four-day conference in San Francisco, offering workshops, classes, counseling, and other sessions on homosexuality and Christianity.

A spokesman for Exodus indicated that some of the group's members are celibate and others are married.

Exodus representatives said San Francisco was selected for the conference because the home of its largest ministry, the Love In Action Group, is in San Rafael.

Alan Medinger, executive director of Exodus, said: "We don't believe that homosexual orientation is wrong or sinful, but to practice homosexuality is not God's plan. Homosexual acts are morally wrong."

### INDIANAPOLIS

"Gay USA" is a series on gay/lesbian issues which can be seen on American Cablevision Channel 35/8 at 9 PM Tuesdays. Volunteers are needed to produce the show. Also needed are a cartoonist, editors, original theme music, and input from the community. To participate, contact Andy Wagholter, PO Box 1922, Martinsville, IN 46151 or Justice, Inc. at (317) 634-9212.

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A network for older women has been formed in Indianapolis. It will offer a series of lectures and discussions on topics for women over the age of 40. The lecture topic for August 28 will be "The Political Women," by Nicki Nicklas.

Lectures and discussions start promptly at 7 PM at 3838 N. Central Avenue in Indianapolis. For additional information, call Nicki Nicklas at (317) 283-3135.

### SAN DIEGO

Lesbians will meet in San Diego, October 18-29, for an event called "Lesbian Lives: A Celebration." The event will focus on the positive aspects of the lives of the participants. Organizers want lesbians from a diversity of backgrounds and experiences to attend.

For more information, write L.I.A.C., PO Box 112571, San Diego, CA 92111.

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Drs. David McWhirter and Andrew Mattison, co-authors of "The Male Couple, How Relationships Develop," are seeking gay and lesbian couples anywhere in the United States who have been together 20 years or more. McWhirter and Mattison are continuing their research into long-term, same-sex relationships. They plan to use videotape interviews.

To participate, contact the Clinical Institute for Human Relationships at 3821 Fourth Avenue, San Diego, CA 92103, or call (619) 293-3381.

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## GRANDFATHER'S CUPBOARD

by Charles E. Hall, Ph.D.  
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*(This column is dedicated to acquainting its readers with the contents of our grandfathers' cupboards: The old-time foods, herbs, and exercises which our ancestors used to keep themselves in good health.)*

See me. Touch me.  
Feel me. Heal me.

Way back when I was a fledgling hippie, someone started looking me in the eye. Right in the eyeballs. After a while of this, I learned not to be frightened of people and began looking back.

Slowly I began to lose my fear of people. Slowly, I began to enjoy looking at other people, into other people, for other people, until I became human again.

Then Tommy, the Pinball Wizard, entered my awareness, and I started becoming aware of touching. There had always been sex and lots of it. And my folks used to hit me and beat me a lot. So there was touching: sex and violence. Just like TV.

How many death scenes on TV and movie screens show one man holding another while he dies! How many scenes show men holding one another while they live?

Touching in America means two things: sex and violence. AIDS has taught us something else: touching is affectional. All of us have always known this, but now it is becoming popular to touch for asexual enjoyment. 'Hold Hands' was a gay campaign a few years back.

Now I want to make an issue of it, a science of it, an awareness of it. The straight world of middle America doesn't do much of it, and their straight men hit each other after they hug just to remind each other that...whatever.

There is a science to hugging. It's a boring subject, but it needs to exist for a few moments, then be done with the lecture and get out into the real world and practice, practice, practice.

When two people hug, their hands reach around the backs of each other. They rub each other sometimes. Right between the shoulder blades on the spine is a region called the Three Heater. When this is rubbed, energy flows around the body: warm good-feeling energy. When we close our eyes, the warm glow welds our bodies together. When we close our eyes and sense each other, psychic trauma fades and love takes place. This place is also at the Heart Chakra.

In the winter when you feel cold, ask someone to rub your back briskly between the shoulder blades for a minute or two, then you will feel warm again. J J of the Zany Ramorsky community and the world's most beautiful acupuncturist taught me this at a Rainbow Gathering.

J J started me investigating back rubbing. Then one night when I was making love with a man and giving him an acupressure treatment for impotence at the same time, I learned a lot more very suddenly. And here it is.

Hugging and rubbing each other high up across the top of the shoulders relaxes the tensions of the day. The triple warmer and large intestine meridians run through here. Rubbing stimulates the Chi energy flow, and this is relaxing. And, Oh So Nice. When you get home from work and are all tied up in knots, ask your roommate to rub your shoulders to let you down again. It's asexual love-making. Even straight men put their arms around each other's shoulders sometimes. There's a lot of it in the gay ghettos of big cities these days.

Just below the top of the shoulders is the Three Heater region between the shoulder blades where the good feelings and temperature controls are located.

When huggers allow their hands to slip downwards to just above the belt, they activate the chakra of digestion and contentment. This also relaxes the solar plexus, the great hinge of the spine and our gut-level fear reactions. Our fears fade further and our belly muscles relax and we rub our belly buttons together a bit. When two people do this, they often nuzzle each other's necks and rub their ears together. All this starts the Chi flowing in those places some of us had forgotten after our mothers stopped burping us.

Burp your friends and help them feel good. Let go and let your mind feel your belly button.

Then when two huggers decide to let go and feel sexual, their hands slip down to the belt region or a little below. The second Chakra is stimulated by a little rubbing and the passion begins to rise. This is the energetic center of the kidneys, adrenals, and gonads. Things begin to pick up. In middle America, this is taboo except between husband and wife and the woman most often is the one allowed to initiate the gesture. In gay settings, it's the beginning of a romance. Bellies and crotches rub. Blue jeans develop bulges, and the head begins to show through the denim.

Ah, Spring. Ah, Love. Ah, Horny!

Later, in the boudoir when the hugging gets earnest, the hands slip down to the bony place between the ass cheeks and away we go. This bony triangle on the pelvis has 28 acupuncture points which have two primary functions: easing lower back pain and promoting sexual potency. The non-medical rubbing gets the same reaction: the hip muscles loosen up and start to grind. This is the second Chakra, too. From there on, you're on your own!

So much for the Chinese treatment for impotence, in the office and in the bedroom. It's only hugging, from the top to the bottom of it.

There's a couple of places on the front which are social-rub spots too. The front of the chest on the sternum bone right between the nipples. This is the home of the 'shen' or spirit. Rubbing your hand there promotes a feeling of warm love. In middle America, it is taboo for anyone except a woman to touch a man there. And men are only allowed to touch women there during sex. In the commune I lived in, I once watched a woman move through a room full of touch-starved straight men, rubbing several of them briefly on their chests. The men GLOWED! They knew she had put her mark on them, and she would get back to them later for some 'real' love-making.

Rubbing stomachs and bellies is good too, but rarely done except in intimate occasions or during hands-on therapy sessions. This is good for digestive problems and some other things, but not much use on social occasions.

In the recent past of the white race, touching bodies for health feelings has been relegated to osteopaths, chiropractors, and masseurs. Now with gay liberation happening, man and women are learning the touch of good feeling and health. Gay men are learning that touch is something beyond sex and violence. Touching is loving, with or without sex.

Babies who don't get touched die of a disease called marasmus. Adults who don't get touched become cranky and grouchy, an altogether too common disease.

So hug your friends and rub them nicely. You will leave them in a good humor. And let them touch and rub you too.

## FAUX PAS

by Ed E. Kett

Dear Mr. Kett,

I feel a little queer about my problem, so I figured you'd be the best one to come to for advice. I'm in love with my lover (believe it or not); his business frequently takes him out of town.

It seems like the minute he's out the door, the phone starts ringing and all of his and my friends start inviting themselves over to spend the evening with me. From past experiences, I know that these friends have more on their minds than just idle chitchat.

What's the best way to avoid a sticky situation with my friends? I wouldn't want to lose my humpy lover just because a friend of mine has the hots for me.

Sincerely,  
Kyle

Dear Kyle,

There are several ways to avoid unsolicited invitations. You can have a good excuse ready when your friends call. Buy an answering machine and screen your calls. Or firmly, but politely, refuse their invitations.

But don't be too hard on your friends. Remember, abstinence makes the fondler grow harder.

Dear Edwards,

A friend of mine recently told me he's heard I have contracted AIDS. Of course, this rumor is patently crazy. However, now I'm lucky if I get to have sex with myself let alone anyone else.

I feel like running out and telling everyone I know, whether or not they've heard the rumor, that it's not true. But I'm afraid that excessive denials on my part will only seem to confirm their suspicions.

What should I do?  
Yours,  
Morris

Dear Morris,

Living well is the best revenge. Do so to a ripe old age.

## AIDS UPDATE: MANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS

There have been a number of significant recent developments concerning AIDS. Figuring prominently in the news concerning the dread disease, which has to date afflicted thousands of Americans, were the Reagan administration, movie star Rock Hudson, a possible marijuana link, the Soviet Union, China, and artificial insemination.

In a dramatic policy turnaround, the Reagan administration asked Congress for an extra \$45.7 million (a 48 percent increase) to finance a broad range of AIDS research, treatment, and educational projects. The request was sent to congressional leaders by Margaret Heckler, secretary of health and human services. Heckler wrote that she is seeking the added funds because recent scientific advances on AIDS "led to new avenues of research, epidemiology and prevention activities which require additional research beyond those contemplated when the 1986 budget was developed." "The work to develop an effective vaccine, treatment therapies and diagnostic tests must be intensified."

In Southern California, the Hollywood film colony was shaken and the whole nation was saddened by the revelation that beloved film star Rock Hudson is an AIDS victim. Apparently Hudson had been aware for some time that he was suffering from the dread disease. The 59-year-old actor was hospitalized after collapsing at the Ritz Hotel in Paris. He was in the French capital being treated with an experimental drug developed by scientists at the Institut Pasteur.

In Washington government officials testifying at a House subcommittee hearing announced that scientists are stepping up investigations into a possible link between AIDS and smoking marijuana. Marijuana is being studied because it is known that cannabis suppresses the immune system. The question of whether a connection exists is being looked at very carefully.

In Moscow a Russian scientist announced that major research into AIDS is under way in that country. The announcement was the first indication that the deadly syndrome may have spread to the Soviet Union. The scientist, R. Petrov of the Academy of Medical Sciences, said that deficiencies of the immune system—including AIDS—"represent a burning medical problem." "In our country research into AIDS is being carried out by a group of institutes of the Ministry of Health of the U.S.S.R. and the Academy of Medical Sciences of the U.S.S.R." The announcement blamed the spread of the syndrome mainly on homosexuals and drug addicts—groups that are never publicly admitted to exist in the Soviet Union. "In foreign countries, AIDS is widespread, mostly among those who lead an improper sexual life and who are disposed toward sexual perversity."

In Beijing, Yuan Benli of the Health Ministry's foreign affairs department announced that China has recorded its first case of AIDS. Benli said the victim was a foreigner who was treated at Beijing's Capital Hospital.

In Sydney, Australia, a hospital spokesperson announced that it was highly likely that four women in that country were infected by the AIDS virus after being artificially inseminated. The four women were infected in 1982, almost certainly from sperm by the same bi-sexual donor.

Doctors also said that the four women were unlikely to develop a



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full-blown form of AIDS and said they would probably live perfectly healthy lives. Although the women themselves are not sick from the disease, their bodies have developed antibodies to fight it; and they could pass it on, through sex or by donating blood or organs. But none of the women to date has passed the disease on to their husbands. Last November, all sperm banks in Australia were shut down because of concern that AIDS could be transferred by artificial insemination; and all sperm not guaranteed AIDS-free was destroyed. Since re-opening in April, the banks have required sperm donors to sign legally binding forms declaring they are not homosexual, intravenous drug users, or recipients of blood transfusions.

### A NEW HEPATITIS SHOWS UP

A new, virulent form of hepatitis more severe and disabling than common strains could become more of a threat to homosexuals than AIDS.

The new form of hepatitis, caused by the "delta virus," either kills its victims quickly in a superacute first phase, or forces them to linger in a chronic phase and die of liver cirrhosis.

Dr. Allan Redeker, a professor at the University of Southern California School of Medicine and chief of the liver unit at Rancho Los Amigos Hospital in Downey, said delta virus hepatitis has the same potential to sweep through gay populations as AIDS has.

The delta strain is a variation of hepatitis that can be contracted only by someone who has already been infected by the agent that causes hepatitis-B, one of the two major forms of hepatitis.

Hepatitis-B can be prevented by vaccination, but the three-shot series is comparatively expensive, the total cost being about \$100, and immunization campaigns have not been successful.



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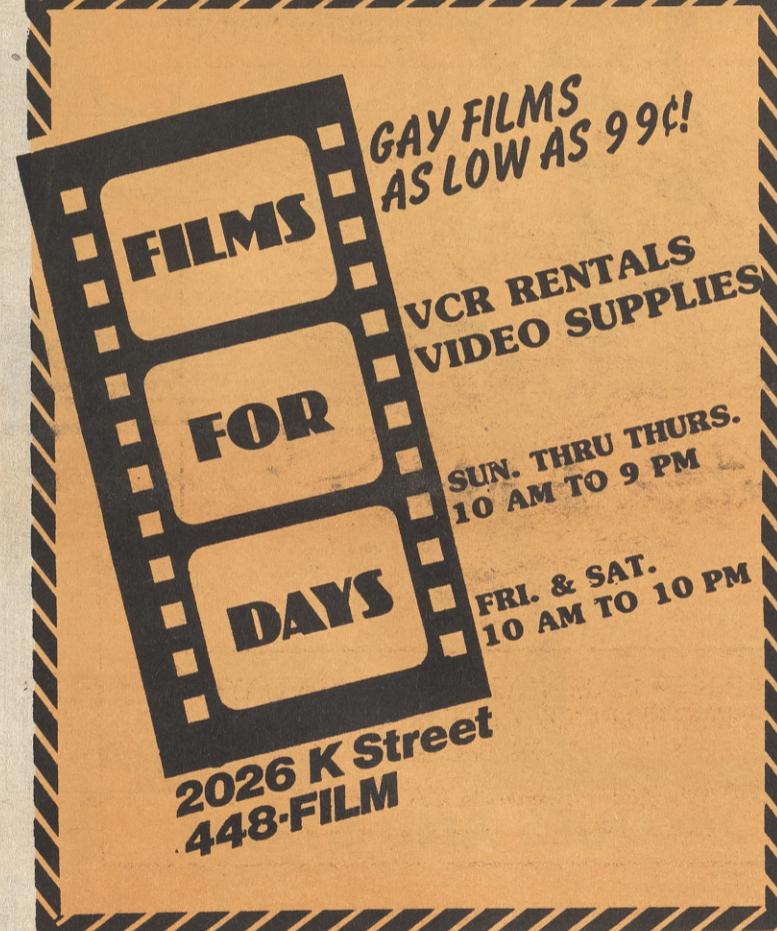
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### GAY FATHER ABANDONS CUSTODY BATTLE FOR SON

In San Diego a gay father, Frank Batey, has given up the fight against his fundamentalist Christian ex-wife for custody of their son.

Batey said he was weary of years in court but had gained "peace of mind" through the knowledge that now his 14-year-old son, Brian, will not be forced to choose between "parents he both loves."

Brian was placed in a foster home early this year, and closed court hearings have continued on the custody dispute. Throughout the closed hearings, Brian's mother, Betty Lou, has contended that her ex-husband should not have custody because of his homosexuality.

The Bateys were divorced in 1975 after four years of marriage. The battle began in 1980 when Mrs. Batey denied her ex-husband visitation rights. Mr. Batey then went to court and was awarded custody. On Sept. 17, 1982, 11 days after the ruling, Mrs. Batey disappeared with Brian.

The mother and son went underground for 19 months and lived primarily in Texas and Colorado, eventually surrendering to authorities in Denver in April 1984.

In later court hearings, Mrs. Batey testified that she felt justified in taking the boy because she feared that he would "go to hell" if he were raised in the lifestyle of his father.

Despite Batey's statement that he is withdrawing from the case, his former wife will not automatically gain custody.

Mrs. Batey was convicted of contempt of court and was sentenced in February to 15 days in jail for violating the San Diego Superior Court order that granted custody to her husband. Two felony charges of child stealing against her were later dropped.



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## FANTASY CAPSULE

by Mark M. Forston

### Fantasy Capsule

by Mark Forston

How would you define a hero? Might he be that someone you've invented in your mind? A patchwork of memories, a dream, an illusion, a fantasy?

Stewart's childhood days had often consisted of lazy Saturdays lying in front of the TV, the day spent in a marathon of movie watching-a parade of heroes flying around, battling the forces of evil. His mind was like a computer chip, saving everything for a day in the future, charting certain images that would one day return in a most startling way.

One of Stewart's most important childhood dreams was to become a policeman.

And now, as a grown man with his childhood days left far behind him, his dream was coming true. He had just graduated from the Police Academy. He would soon set the wheels in motion, become an avenging angel in blue, a realization of many of those Saturdays way back when.

A man in uniform can be a very exciting experience, especially if he resembles Stewart. Just to see him, all decked out—well, it could give one's libido a good shaking up. Incredibly good looking, his uniform hugged his body sinfully tight.

## GETTIN THERE



by TOM DOLAN

### "GUPPIES"

When the phone rang, David stopped peeing midstream and raced for the gold-and-onyx instrument on the little marble-topped stand in the hall between the master bedroom and the den. He caught it before the second ring, just as the answering device was about to engage.

"This is Robert," said a cool but richly textured masculine voice. "You responded to my ad for a career-minded professional interested in a long-term merger."

"Oh, yes," said David. "I was hoping you'd call. Your ad intrigued me. I've never responded to an ad before."

"I never placed one before," said Robert. "By the way, I liked your letter. Nice stationery. Heavy. Embossed."

I never use anything but the best rag paper," said David. "One's stationery does make a statement about one, doesn't it?"

Handsome face, strong jaw, piercing eyes set well apart, sculptured head; steel-blue eyes that could manifest a desire, a wild trip to fantasy land.

Stewart was fussy. He spent a lot of time in front of the mirror, more meticulous than vain. But somewhere in that mirror was a dark secret that could betray him.

It would be pure nonsense to think that the attention he got was just admiration. No indeed. It was out-and-out lust. Not just from women, but men too. He had a sort of built-in, pious behavior; he deflected all that body language. A long ways back, there was a girl, but she was just a memory now. He hadn't really sorted out his sexual orientation.

One day Stewart was patrolling the beach area near LA. It was late evening, a time and place where teenagers loved to rendezvous, to engage in sex and drugs. It was getting dark when he spotted the sleek, shiny sports car. There was a figure sitting all alone in it. Something caused him to investigate the car. He approached it cautiously. A man was in it; Stewart could see him clearly. But surprisingly, when he arrived at the car, the man had disappeared completely.

Stewart panned his flashlight around in the dark, then around the beach area. Suddenly, his light fell upon a well-built young man standing a short distance away. All golden, nothing on but a skimpy bikini. Something began to move inside; a new awareness. Stewart's eyes moved, tracing the perfection that stood out there. It was like savoring some exotic dish, a banquet of sexual awakening. He couldn't help himself; it was compelling, an urge that could not possibly be denied no matter how strong the will to do so was. The bulge in the stranger's bikini made Stewart's heart surge; his own was testimony enough; he wanted the stranger.

Then the stranger motioned for Stewart to follow. His feet began to

"And I like your address. Brighton Towers overlooks Central Park, doesn't it?" asked Robert.

"The windows facing west do," said David. "I have a corner condo that also faces south. You have an interesting address, too."

"Sutton Place is rather nice," said Robert, "though I'm looking for something a bit further uptown."

"Sounds good," said David. "By the way, Robert, how much do you make?"

"Close to six figures," replied Robert. "How about you?"

"I'm doing a tad less right now, but I'm expecting a promotion in a month or two. What kind of car do you drive, Robert?" asked David.

"I have a Corvette for running about and a Mercedes for comfort," said Robert. "How about you?"

"I've got an MG and a Lincoln," said David. "If you don't mind my asking, could we compare portfolios?"

"Portfolios?" asked Robert.

"Are you into real estate or stocks?" asked David.

"A little of both," said Robert.

"How about you?"

"Mostly off-shore oil with some trading of commodities," said David.

"Sounds good," said Robert. "I hope I'm not getting too personal, but have you had an ELISA test?"

"An ELISA?" asked David.

The enzyme-linked immunosorbent assay test for the HTLV-III retrovirus. Incidentally, I've tested negatively, and I wondered if you had it and how you might have tested," said Robert.

"I haven't had it yet. Is that going to be a problem?" asked David.

"Not necessarily. The important

move, like those of a robot being controlled by the stranger. He obeyed. He watched the stranger and noticed how he moved with graceful rippling muscles. The well-defined arms, the biceps, the tapered waist, the buns. It was all too lethal, like being drawn into a vortex, a moth to the flame. The stranger was a hero, unleashed, coming alive.

The stranger moved toward a cave and entered, Stewart following close behind. There in the dimly illuminated dark, they came face to face. They stared into one another's eyes with desire and affection. In another moment, that delicious gap between them closed and they became one. The air was filled with voltage, a highly charged atmosphere. Two perfect bodies were about to collide, to fill every fantasy the mind could provide.

The stranger reached out and touched Stewart. His touch was hot and sent a rippling of excitement through Stewart, signaling need, want, passion. The hand moved with expertise, undoing the uniform, removing every trace of clothing until they both stood there, exposed.

The stranger took Stewart in his arms, lifting him up, carrying him to another part of the cave. Stewart left the other world behind; he was in heaven. The rest of that night was spent in an orgy of lovemaking.

The, just before the first light of the day, the stranger suddenly stood up, saying: "Goodbye, Stewart. Remember, you created me; I can never return to you again." He disappeared in a flash and was never seen again.

Was it a dream? Was it real? Or was it someone's private joke? He remembered the special license number on the shiny sports car and checked it out. But nothing like it had ever been issued. It read: "HERO."

thing is, are you open to taking the test?" asked Robert.

"I suppose so," said David. "If that's an issue, I'd consider taking it. Anonymously, of course."

"Of course," said Robert.

"What clubs do you belong to?" asked David.

"The Racquet Club, naturally; the Princeton, and Man's Country," said Robert. "Though I haven't been there in years," he hastened to add. "How about you?"

"Salmagundi and Yale," said David. "I don't have time for much else. I do work out two or three times a week. I've got one of those little Soloflex things in a spare room."

"Nice," observed Robert.

"I'd really like to meet you, Robert," said David. "Any chance of getting together tonight? We could do dinner at Twenty-One."

"I'm afraid tonight is out," said Robert. "Terribly sorry, but I'm have a meeting tonight with some trustees of the Dreyfuss Fund. Damn. How about tomorrow?"

"Gee, David, I wish I could. But I'm doing an evening with the old man. He's trying to set me up with a new oil-depletion allowance, and I can't afford to cancel," said Robert.

"The weekend's out for me," said David. "I've got to fly to Chicago and do a conference with a team of analysts from the Haymarket Exchange."

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"Your fragrance?" asked Robert.

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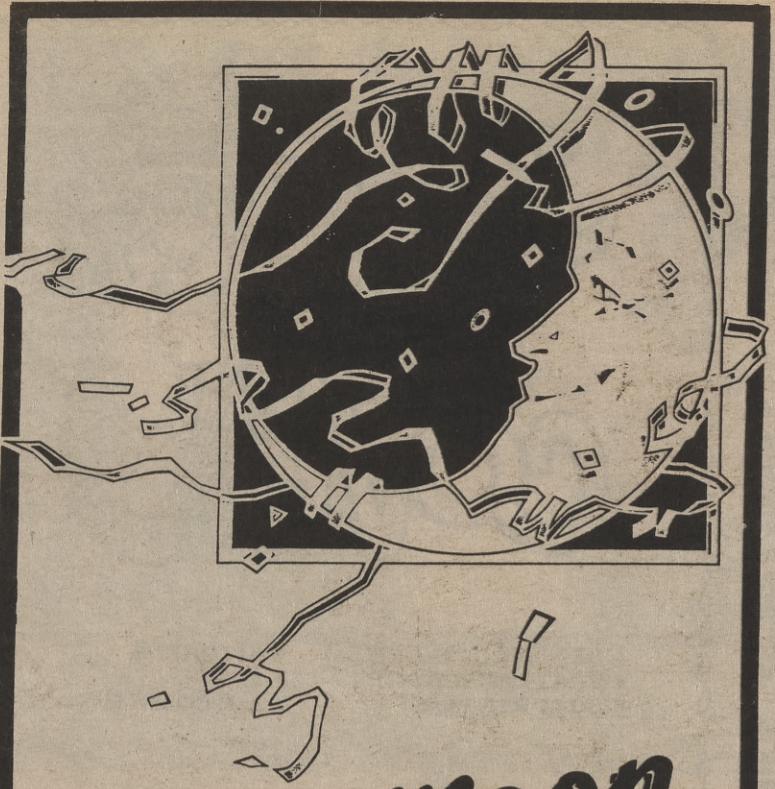
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tian Dior," replied David.

"Very good. And your stereo?" said Robert.

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"I get the picture," said Robert. "Just one more: Are you cute?"

"Cute as a button, if I must say so myself," said David. "I'm extremely cute. How about you?"

"I've modeled for *G.Q.* and *Esquire*," said Robert. "That should tell you something."

"Let me picture you, David. What color are your eyes? Your hair? How tall are you? How much do you weight?" asked Robert.

"My eyes are cornflower blue, my hair is wheatstraw. I'm 6 feet tall, and I weigh 175 pounds. You might say I'm a hunk," said David.

"What are you wearing?" asked Robert.

"Right now?" asked David, somewhat abashed. He was wearing a two-piece linen suit from the Raffinati Collection.

"Right now," said Robert, trying to affect a voice that smoldered.

"Oh, just an old, faded pair of 501s and a white Oxford shirt with button-down collar," said David. "No shoes. No socks. No underwear."

"No underwear...? Wait a minute, David," said Robert. "I've got to catch this other line. It might be important...that was my broker, David. I'm terribly sorry, but I've got to get right back to him. Can I call you later?"

"Of course," said David, who had also entered an early stage of arousal and was one the verge of groping himself. "When?"

"Oh, probably next week," said Robert. "Better yet, could you send me a resume?"

"Sure, why not?" said David through clenched teeth.

"My secretary is updating mine. It should be ready to go out by the middle of the week. I'll pop one in the mail for you, too. Oh, yes, be sure to include your educational background and..."

"I will," said David, cutting him off.

"It sure was nice talking to you, David. And don't forget that resume. I believe you have my address. And do send me a photocopy of your ELISA results, when you get them, if it isn't too much trouble."

### NEWS FROM THE GAY RIGHTS NATIONAL LOBBY

The Executive Committee of Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) recently approved a series of development plans for the organization and appointed two new board members to complete the unexpected terms of vacant seats.

Development plans include membership expansion, major donor-base enlargement, and expansion of foundation fundraising. A workshop on fundraising will be presented for the Board, major donors, Field Associates, and other interested persons on September 14.

The two new board members are both San Diego residents—Susan Jester and Nicole Murray.

Susan Jester is currently president of the San Diego Log Cabin Republican Club and a member of the California Republican Party State Central Committee.

Nicole Murray is the Empress of the San Diego Imperial Court and president of the AIDS Assistance Fund. He has the distinction of being the only openly gay person to be honored by the mayor of San Diego for community-service work. In 1984 he was cited as one of the Advocate 400.

### CHARLIE IS DEAD!

by Galen Moon (age 82)

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Charlie hadn't moved through as many years as I, but I'm not sure of the actual difference in our ages. Certainly my life and the lives of many others carry markings resulting from friendship, admiration, intimacy, and/or conflict with Charlie.

He was an intent and precise person with behavioral and dress codes of those years when he was a featured newscaster on a Chicago TV program and a writer for *The Tribune*. He was always in a suit and tie, even in the sultry heat of St. Louis summers. His only concession was the wearing of seersucker and poplin suits in July and August. Charlie's adherence to dress and behavioral codes already sluffed off by most men his age was not a "show off" attitude. I am convinced that such display was really the "glue" and "substance" which held Charlie together while he suffered constantly increasing strictures on physical movement and diet and sexual performance.

We lived in the same apartment building. Early one morning, I answered my phone to Charlie's voice begging, "Please stop by, the door's unlocked. Vince just left. I've got to do something!"

Charlie in distress? This plea was different than those coming out of the hurting and other demands of his disease. Vince? I hadn't heard that name before.

I rapped on his door because I've never forgotten Charlie's embarrassment when Tony Ames walked in on us in what Charlie described as a compromising situation. It really wasn't. I was just holding him, trying to give some comfort after his doctor had advised he should cut back his sexual activity. That was a real threat to Charlie's make-believe that he was still fulfilling his fantasy of himself as a "man's man."

Charlie really wasn't a Puritan; he'd lived out several fantasies. And he had a magnetism or something which attracted many virile young men on their ways to becoming doctors, lawyers, politicians, bank presidents, and so on. "Doing the bed scene" with Charlie, as one of those motivated students explained to me, was confirmation of one's worth, an assurance that goals and sexuality were compatible.

He didn't seem to hear me over the angry mutterings he was making in the bedroom. I closed the door and moved toward the bedroom. Charlie's beautiful white body seemed to be trying to escape from the accusations and threats being voiced.

GRNL Executive Director Nancy Roth presented an update on the Lobby's efforts. She noted that co-sponsorship of the gay and lesbian civil rights bill has reached 65, including four Republicans and four co-sponsors who have not previously been on the bill.

The Executive Committee also addressed the issue of increased coordination with National Gay Task Force (GRNL). GRNL Board Co-chair, Deacon Maccubbin, reported, "Discussions with NGTF are continuing. I am encouraged by the display of cooperation, trust, and goodwill from my counterparts at NGTF and the Fund for Human Dignity. I think the community should be aware of the strides we are making to operate our political organizations efficiently and cost effectively—and to increase communication."

"This damned thing wouldn't work," he hissed as he slapped at the penis which I had heard described as the ideal sexual object. "No telling what'll happen to Vince now. He wouldn't let me do him alone. Said he wasn't going to be a loner." He jerked the penis in his hand as though trying to pull it off.

"Stop it, Charlie!" I grabbed his wrist and squeezed so hard that the fingers released their death grip. "The doctor told you it was going to happen. Whoever Vince is, he'll make it OK. You've got to calm down. Where's your medicine?" I found the medicine and got him to take a couple of the pills, then called the doctor.

With Charlie finally asleep, I found Vince's number in the carefully written record book in the drawer of the telephone table. I called the man from my apartment. He seemed unwilling to listen until I said, "Sometimes teachers, for one reason or another, fail to present tests which are appropriate to the instruction previously given. Charlie's intention was good and that's what you have to recognize. Don't mess up your chances of being on the Dean's List along with Jason and Brad and Alfredo, and the others. Write this number down and call tomorrow evening. Charlie wasn't the only qualified teacher."

Soon after that, I got fed up with the snow and ice and dangers of St. Louis winters and quickly said yes to an offer to move to Southern California. That was seven years ago.

And now, thanks to the generosity of my companion's parents, I was to have a week in the St. Louis area on my way back from the East Coast.

Contact with Charlie had gradually dwindled to nothing. The letters and phone calls had just drifted further and further apart until I failed to notice that Charlie was no longer a part of my life. Now, while in St. Louis, a top priority was to locate him. Another friend of Charlie's, in whose home I was a guest while in St. Louis, told me that Charlie's illness finally reached the stage where his doctor insisted that he not live alone. A nursing home was out of the question for Charlie, but he finally went to live with a widowed sister in down-state Illinois. "Several of us talked about driving down to visit him," Phillip told me, "but we never got around to it. I did talk with him on the phone a few times. Let's call and make a date to drive down for a visit."

"Charlie died last Saturday," the woman said in answer to the request to speak to Charlie.

Back home in California, I keep thinking about my failure to nurture and love a man who had done much to encourage and enlighten me, who had been an honest and dependable friend. Had my neglect hastened him toward death?

### BRAWL CASE SETTLED

In San Francisco, The City, police, and the proprietor of a lesbian bar have settled a six-year-old case stemming from a brawl which involved off-duty city policemen.

The brawl broke out March 30, 1979, at Peg's Place on Geary Boulevard. Several off-duty policemen and their civilian friends entered the bar and roughed up some women.

A lawsuit was then filed for the women (owner Erlinda Symaco, employee Alene Levine, and customer Katherine Miller) after The City rejected claims totaling \$6000,000.

The suit was dismissed after the parties agreed that the women would be paid undisclosed amounts, which their attorney called "substantial."

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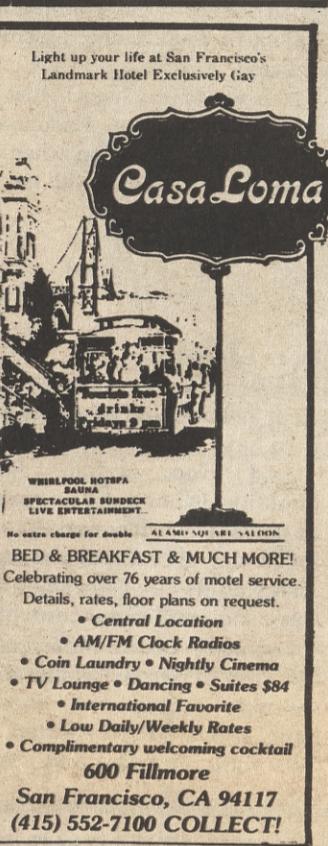
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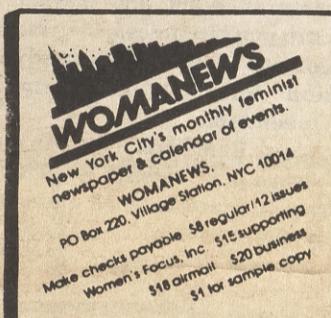
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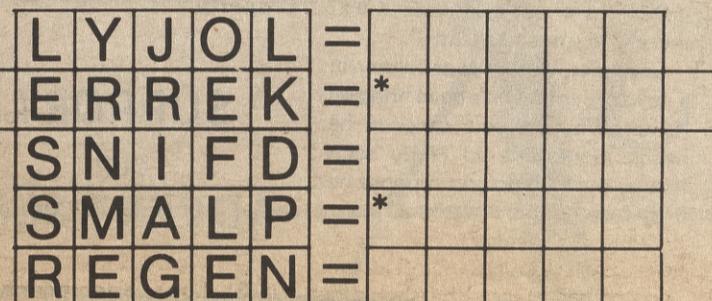
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## LISTENING TO LAVENDER!

by Lavender Cantello

Ms. Cantello,  
a man of action and principle  
To give you an example,  
I saw another queen, a hor-  
ranger, eating incorrectly in a  
eatery in this city. The mis-  
takable thing was sloshing catup all  
his pudding!

I saw red. By the time I got  
through telling said queen off in no  
uncertain terms, the entire restaur-  
ant knew what I think of queens  
who forget their table manners.  
Such creatures make queenerly  
look bad to straight society.

Ms. Cantello, being a person of  
some influence in the gay commu-  
nity, won't you join me in a campaign  
to make queens clean up their acts?

Remedios  
(Santa Barbara)

Dear Remedios,  
I fear for your safety if you  
keep up your intrusive ways.  
Had you pulled your sissy fit on  
some queens I know, you'd  
probably be wearing one or  
more casts at the moment.

Remedios, there is no place in  
Queendom for the likes of you.  
I'd like to suggest that you  
retreat back to Bitchdom; crawl  
under some big rock and incubate  
some more. After you've  
matured a bit and learned to  
curb your bitchiness, then maybe  
you can crawl back out and petition  
for a transfer up to  
Queendom.

And, Remedios, I for one have  
always put "catsup" (which you  
should learn to spell correctly)  
on my pudding, and I have no  
intention of changing the habit.

Dear Lavender,

My only living relative is my moth-  
er's sister, Aunt Madonna. Aunt  
Madonna, who is asexual, loves to  
go out gay-bar hopping with me.

The problem is that Aunt  
Madonna is a nun, known in her  
order as Sister Madonna. I think  
she's around 62. She's dumpy and  
wears, at all times, the traditional  
nun's black habit with white head-  
dress, wire-rim glasses, very very  
sensible black shoes, with a rosary  
belted around her rather ample  
waist.

I really don't mind Madonna tag-  
ging along with me to the bars. She's  
sweet and the guys seem to like her;  
they're always buying her drinks  
and she gets giggly and silly when  
she gets tipsy. But I just wish she  
would wear something else other  
than her habit. More than once, a  
man on the make has mistaken her  
for a drag queen in costume and,  
much to her twittery amusement  
and my profound embarrassment,  
has made a pass.

How would you suggest that I go  
about getting Aunt Madonna to  
dress up like a civilian when she  
goes gay-bar hopping with me and  
my friends?

Leonard  
(Grand Forks)

Dear Leonard,

How lucky you are to have  
such an aunt; and how lucky she  
is to have such a nephew!

And, Hon, perhaps Sister  
Madonna is not quite so asexual  
as you assume; it sounds like she  
loves the occasional passes. It  
also sounds like even when a bit  
tipsy she's still under control.

Leonard, Sister Madonna is  
the kind of person whom good-  
will-type stores and second-  
hand shops were invented for.  
Get your friends and Sister

Madonna together and the  
whole batch of you descend on  
those stores and outfit her to a  
fare-the-well, the more garish  
and outlandish the garments  
and getty-ups, the better. But,  
remember, there may be no  
room for her new wardrobe in  
her convent, so you and your  
friends may have to give up some  
closet space to store her things  
between forays out to the gay  
bars.

Have fun!

Dear Lavender Cantello,

About eight months ago I moved  
to the Pacific Northwest from the  
Midwest. I like it here fine except for  
a strange habit some people here  
have which is driving me bananas.

Often when I'm introduced to  
someone new, that person will say  
something to me like: "As in flow  
gently?" or "You flow gently I pre-  
sume." or "Do you really flow  
gently?" or "Are you really sweet?"  
or "Yeah, you really do look sweet!"  
or "You're sweet, I hope."

Lavender, what do you suppose  
gives with these people? I never  
know what to reply to their strange  
questions. How would you suggest I  
handle such comments?

Afton  
(Pullman)

Dear Afton,

Calm down, dear. The people  
are merely reacting to your nice  
but unusual first name.

Many many years ago, a fam-  
ous poet named Robert Burns  
wrote a lovely short poem which  
goes like this:

Flow gently, sweet Afton,  
among thy green braes,

Flow gently, I'll sing thee a  
song in thy praise,

My Mary's asleep by thy mur-  
muring stream,

Flow gently, sweet Afton, dis-  
turb not her dream.

What's more, this old poem  
has been set to music, and the  
song is well known throughout  
the English-speaking world. I'm  
surprised you didn't learn it in  
grammar school.

So, Afton, be sweet, flow  
gently, and have fun in your  
green braes.

Dear Madge,

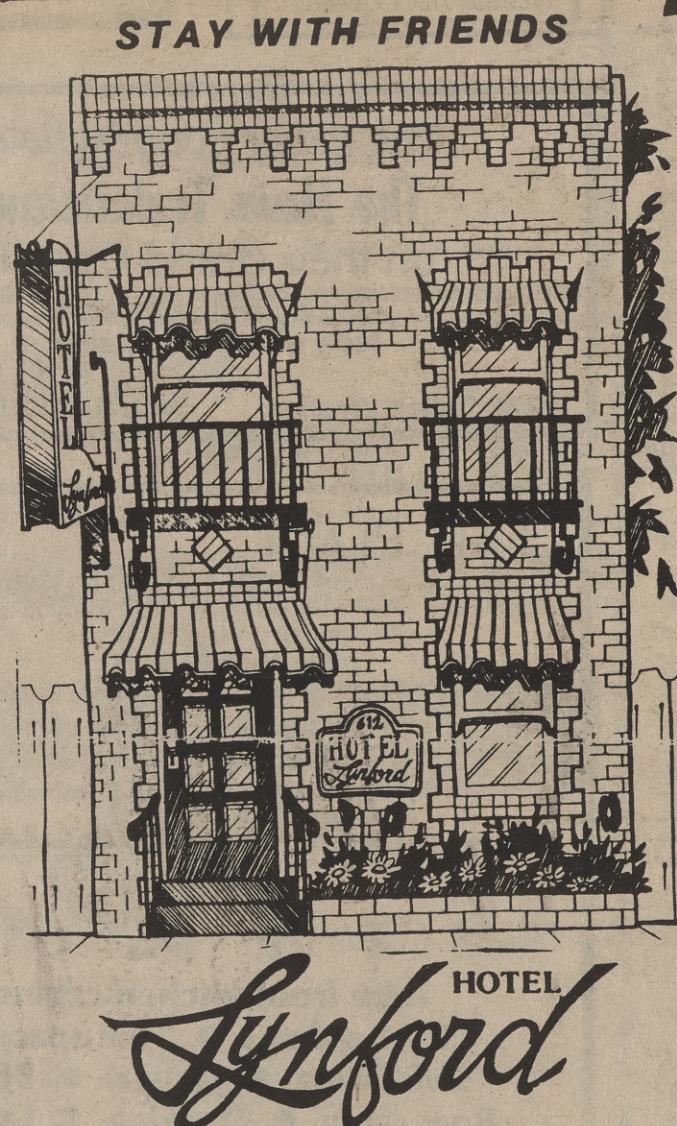
The gay world is very com-  
plex, very exciting, and very  
demanding. If what I think is  
happening is really happening,  
your husband will require a lot of  
time and energy getting to know  
it.

You should expect that very  
soon he will ask for even more  
time out for his research. And  
then after that, even more time  
still. In fact, I suspect that he's so  
hooked on it by now that eventually  
it will occupy all his spare  
time.

If I were you, I'd start planning  
a life of my own without your  
husband because I think your  
husband is turning gay. I've seen  
such things happen many, many  
times. Once a man tastes the  
delights of gaydom, there's no  
turning back to the dull old  
hetero world. Madge, hon, I  
think you've been had.

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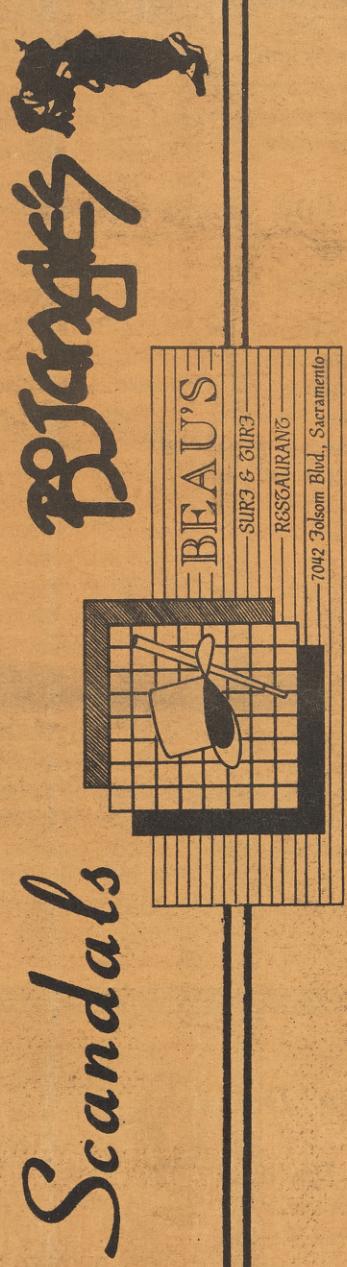
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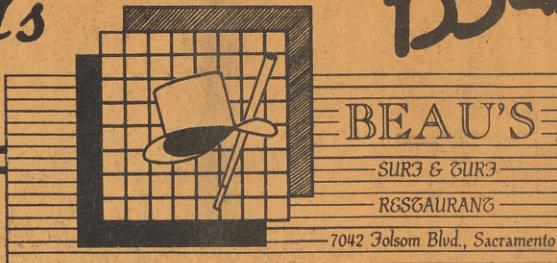
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**BE WHERE IT'S AT!**

August 22 ..... **GRACE JONES** (a.k.a. **SIMONE**). TWO SHOWS: 10:30 and 11:30 pm.

September 1 ..... **RONNIE MOTION** LIVE: '85 Talent Showcase Winner of Northern California. Show at 10:30 pm.

Every Tuesday ..... **LADIES NIGHT:** Drink special: 2 for 1 from 8:00 to 10:00 plus Margarita and Strawberry Daquairi specials all night long.

Every Wednesday ..... **Mens Night** - Drink Specials every hour - Dinner til 9 pm. - See our new wine list.

Every Thursday ..... **MEN'S** 2 for 1 dining experience.

**BLOWOUT #2** - everything goes. Drink specials: 75¢ well drinks all night long. Iced tea drinks \$1.75, Beer \$1.00, Margaritas and Strawberry Daquairis \$1.50.

Every Friday ..... \$1.00 Cover (over 21). Well and Beer drinks \$1.00 from 8:00 - 10:00 8:00 - 10:00 pm.: \$1.00 Cover (over 21), 2 for 1 well drink special. Margarita and Strawberry Daquairi special all night long.

**Every Saturday** ..... Dinner and Dancing.

Every Sunday ..... **NEW: WESTERN DANCE CLASSES & B.B.Q.** 5 - 10 pm. Join the Sutter Stompers & Capitol City Squares for new fun. Disco dance contest. 10 - 2. Cash Prizes/10 weeks.

**CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH** 10 - 3 \* New Menu Items.

**TALENT SHOWCASE** 10:30. Entry sign-up 9 pm. \$50.00 each winner. VCR Grand Prize after 10 weeks.